



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 740

Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Efficiency Act of 2005

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
on April 13, 2005*

SUMMARY

H.R. 740 would amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act to increase the membership of the Occupational Safety and Review Commission (OSHRC) from three to five.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 740 would cost \$1 million in 2006 and \$6 million over the 2006-2010 period, assuming the appropriation of the estimated amounts. H.R. 740 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 740 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 740 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
OSHRC Spending Under Current Law						
Estimated Authorization Level ^a	11	11	12	12	13	13
Estimated Outlays	11	11	12	12	13	13
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	0	1	1	1	1	1
OSHRC Spending Under H.R. 740						
Estimated Authorization Level	11	12	13	13	14	14
Estimated Outlays	11	12	13	13	14	14

a. The 2005 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. The amounts shown for 2006 through 2010 are baseline projections that assume annual increases for anticipated inflation.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in the fall of 2005, that the estimated amounts will be appropriated for each year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for the authorized activities.

H.R. 740 would amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act to increase the membership of OSHRC from three to five. OSHRC is an independent federal agency created to adjudicate contests of citations or penalties resulting from inspection of work places; therefore, OSHRC functions as an administrative court.

According to agency documents, each commissioner is appointed for a six-year term and is aided directly by two professional staff who are responsible for providing assistance and legal counsel on all pending matters. CBO assumes the current staffing practice would be extended under the bill and that OSHA would reconfigure space at headquarters to accommodate the new commissioners and their staff. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 740 would cost \$1 million in 2006 and \$6 million over the 2006-2010 period, assuming the appropriation of the estimated amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 740 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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